



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Vehicle Theft Prevention and Awareness Day By Officer Jason Glenn

In an effort to increase awareness and education about auto thefts in Arizona, law enforcement agencies throughout the State are coordinating their efforts in a one-day celebration of crime prevention. On **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006**, Governor Janet Napolitano will sign a Proclamation designating the day as "Vehicle Theft Prevention and Awareness Day." Participating agencies throughout the State will host auto theft prevention events.

The Scottsdale Police Department is teaming up with Target to provide "FREE" V.I.N. etching for your motor vehicle, distribute literature with tips on how to prevent auto-thefts, and display several locking devices you can utilize to safeguard your motor vehicle. The event will take place on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Target is located at 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard (next to the 101 freeway). The event will be in the west parking lot.

V.I.N. etching is a process whereby the vehicle identification number or VIN, is acid etched onto each window of a vehicle. This process marks a vehicle with its own set of "fingerprints" which is a deterrent for criminals to steal your vehicle. "Chop Shops" are only interested in selling untraceable vehicles and their

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## MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER BILL WILTON

The lack of rain so far this year has obviously created some extremely dry conditions for our area. Our area of the City also still contains some beautiful and wide open space, much of which is Preserve or State Trust Land.

The nice weather we enjoy this time of year makes these areas very attractive for the off road riding of ATV's, motorcycles, and even motor vehicles, but the simple use of them can create fire hazards and damage vegetation. Most of the areas where these vehicles are not allowed are already posted "No Motor Vehicles" and for the safety and preservation of our community the signs must be obeyed.

Starting this month we will be increasing our enforcement in these areas even more.

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## Traffic Safety Zone

District 3 personnel will provide increased traffic enforcement in the area of **Hayden Road from Deer Valley to the 101 Freeway**. Please drive carefully.



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parts. Etching takes that profit away and a thief will typically bypass etched vehicles and attempt to steal vehicles that have not been etched instead.

In addition to the vehicle VIN etching and auto theft awareness initiative, the Scottsdale Fire Department will install and inspect child safety seats. Approximately 80% of safety seats are used incorrectly. These errors could result in the child not being fully protected in a crash, increasing the risk of injuries or death.

## Watch Your Car



The Watch Your Car decal program is a free, voluntary program where vehicle owners enroll their vehicles with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. The vehicle is then entered into the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) database and participants receive decals for their front and rear windows.

By displaying the decals, vehicle owners are telling law enforcement that they don't usually use their vehicle between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM, when the majority of auto thefts occur. If a police officer sees the vehicle in operation between these hours, the owner gives the police permission to stop the vehicle and verify it is being legally operated by the rightful owner. For more information visit [www.azwatchyourcar.com](http://www.azwatchyourcar.com)

If you would like any additional information on crime prevention please contact me at (480) 312-8802 or e-mail me at [jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov)

## Crime Suspects identifying themselves as City Water Employees

The Scottsdale Police Department is investigating a series of incidents where a person or persons fraudulently identify themselves as "city water" to gain entry into a residence and take items of value. Residents are being advised to take precautions when confronted with unknown persons at their door.

The Scottsdale Water department will never ask for entry into a private home for any reason. A person or persons asking for entry into your home should never show up unannounced and should produce proper identification before being allowed in. If you are not absolutely certain of the person's identity, do not allow them in. Utility companies will normally schedule an appointment in advance, unless there is an emergency.

Residents are urged to call the police immediately if they have a suspicious person show up at their door asking for entry into their home. If you have information on these crimes, please call the Scottsdale Police Department at 480-312-5000.

## Calendar of Events

### World Baseball Classic March 5-11

Scottsdale Stadium will be one of five venues worldwide to host first-round games of the inaugural World Baseball Classic. The tournament will bring together the best players in the world to compete for their countries. For details visit [www.worldbaseballclassic.com](http://www.worldbaseballclassic.com)

## The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, or e-mail: [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).